



Triffitt's close shave a salute to Kyrgios' historic win

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Tennis ACT boss Ross Triffitt may not pull off the "racing stripes" hairdo as well as Nick Kyrgios, but he hopes his act of charity will help him unearth Canberra's next tennis star.

Triffitt must have had mixed feelings when Kyrgios stunned Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon last month, having pledged to go under the clippers if Kyrgios upset the world No. 1.

Triffitt stayed true to his word by getting the lairy haircut at Greenway's Smitten Hairdressing on Monday, under the watchful eye

of his wife Renate. No doubt eyebrows would have been raised when he requested the Gen Y style,

but the 43-year-old insisted it was worth it to raise money for ACT junior tennis.

Triffitt wanted to raise \$10,000, but said the \$3105 in donations was

worth the embarrassment, and his wife's disapproval.

"It was a *Canberra Times* reporter I'm sure who came up with the idea," Triffitt said.

"I said 'If he beats Rafa', then I'm prepared to [get the haircut]. The original premise was that I wouldn't unless I raised \$10,000, but \$3000 can go a long way in junior tennis. Putting my childish stupidity at 4am in the morning [watching the match] to some good use was a compromise, so that's what got it over the line."

Kyrgios began his US Open tilt

overnight against Russian Mikhail Youzhny at New York's Flushing Meadows.

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